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Staff writer Chris Bunn begins a regular column which will chronicle the student's views on The War.

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Exactly where can you go and how much will it cost to get your body in shape? Read pg. 5 for the answers.

Breaking News

The First Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting will be held Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at Taylorville Methodist Church, across from Food World. Pizza, music and fellowship are offered and all students are welcome.

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Busy little Bucs

By Adam Jaffe and the Courier Staff

It may seem a bit unusual for a college: Miniature cars race by remote control around the college's atrium area. Decorated paper airplanes whirl finally

with president Rick Rogers. Team t-shirts are worn weekly at work and friendly competition among employees plays a part in the culture of the college.

"Thank Q's" went on sale and are a way for employees to show appreciation to others by purchasing a thank you

opportunity for employees to show others how much they appreciate what they have done.

The week of Oct. 8 is Student Appreciation Week. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for prizes. Drawing for prizes will be Friday, Oct. 12.

On Oct. 15 and 16, the remote miniature car race will be held in the atrium. Money raised from the race will go toward scholarships. Also on Oct. 15, the official Dr Pepper car will be on campus.

More money will be raised during Oct. 15-28 for scholarships as faculty, staff and students play putt-putt golf. A local putt-putt golf company is giving back a certain percentage of fees that week to the college for scholarships. On Oct. 17 a talent show will be held at noon in the college's atrium.

The pumpkin painting contest will highlight the week of Oct. 23. From 2-3 p.m. that day pumpkins and paints will be available in the food court area for employees and students to express their cre-



The naming of Michelle Bautista as the new women's softball coach was one of a flurry of events and changes on the Shelton campus Photo by Missy Boney

drop from the third floor of the building as part of a contest. Halloween pumpkins sport brightly painted faces of characters in the college's food court area.

These activities and other events are happening during October at Shelton State as part of Quality Month. Quality Month is celebrated nationally each October and recognizes programs across the United States that are part of the Total Quality Movement (TQM). The theme of this year at Shelton for Quality Month is "Teaming up for Quality."

At Shelton State the quality movement dates back about seven years. Today, the college allocates work and projects to action groups and teams rather than traditional committees. Customer service is stressed at all levels of the college. The customers at Shelton State range from students, alumni, and community leaders to fellow employees.

Shelton's quality movement involves everyone at the college beginning

certificate for \$1. Thank Q's are an

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Foundation enjoys another great Bash



Paul Looney and Agusta Robinson look over the figures from the recent Shelton Foundation BBQ Bash which annually raises thousands of dollars for Shelton scholarships. Robinson is leaving Shelton and the Foundation after many years of faithful service.

Photo by Missy Boney

The War

By Chris Bunn

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001 the U.S. bombed several strategic military sites in an effort to kick-start the campaign against terrorism. As a part of our ongoing coverage of student interest in Operation: Enduring Freedom, the Courier conducted a survey. Students were randomly selected from among the population at Shelton.

"I think Bush is putting a strong foot down. He's doing a fine job in the conflict," Jason Bell, one of the students surveyed, said. The majority of the poll showed the same attitude. About 47 percent of the students said that they totally support what the government has done so far in relation to Operation: Enduring Freedom.

Some students, like Daniel Hill, mostly support

Students think this war may be 'holy'

what the government has done. He said, "I support the decisions of the U.S. government, but I fear retaliation in the aftermath of the attacks on Afghanistan." Of the students polled, 25 percent seem to agree.

Of course there are students who only somewhat support the decisions of the government. In fact 25 percent of those surveyed seem to want some things done differently. Alexis Wilkinson said, "There are other ways to punish the man who did this without killing innocent people. War is not the answer, but it seems that is what we turn to first." Only one student does not support the government's decisions so far.

When asked if they support the invasion of other countries as part of this operation, an overwhelming 84 percent of those surveyed said that they did. One student, Ken Chambers, said, "I think (the U.S. government) should bomb every

location known to have harbored bin Laden."

Some students have close friends or family that have been called to active duty. Actually 50 percent of the polled have family and friends who have received orders.

A few students even think this could be a "holy war." In fact, Jennifer Jones said, "(Bush) knows his role in the leading of our country into this holy war of good vs. evil." While this opinion does not hold the majority, it is a formidable view. Lindsey Jordan, said, "I think that a lot of people are turning to God right now, and he will provide."

What do you think? Is this a case of Christianity vs. Islam? Contact the Courier at courier@shelton.cc.al.us and share your views.

Off the Shelf . . .

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

Richard North Patterson's *Protect and Defend* combines politics with suspense as the Chief Justice of Supreme Court dies just as a major case is about to hit the Court.

Added into the bargain is the president's nominee for Chief Justice who has a personal secret in her past and blended into what has been called a meshing of the novel of thought and the novel of emotion. Comes with rave reviews from Amy Tan, Alan M. Dershowitz, Mario Cuomo, Archibald Cox, Senator Barbara Boxer, and Stephen King. So what are you waiting for?

The First Counsel by Brad Meltzer takes us back to Washington, but this time we're inside the White House as Michael Garrick, a young White House lawyer has taken up dating the First Daughter. Both he and she think they can handle the situation until they

are witnesses to something no one was meant to see. Then the fun starts.

In *Potshot*, by Robert Parker, we see the return of Boston P.I. Spenser, but this time Spenser's heading west. The small town of Potshot, Ariz., has been transformed from an old west mining town into a resort for Los Angeles millionaires.

But the pastoral pleasures of Potshot are being threatened by a passel of modern-day varmints in the form of a local gang of misfits, drunks, and other fun types led by a charismatic individual who goes only by the moniker of The Preacher. Guess which side Spenser goes with?

Government and Politics: *Power Versus Liberty*, by James H. Read; *The Rights of Man & Common Sense*, by Thomas Paine; *The Web of Politics*, by Richard Davis.

Literature & Writing: *The Mysteries of the Alphabet*, by Marc-Alain Ouaknin; *Speaking into Air*, by John Peters; *Deciding What We Watch*, by Colin Shaw; *Why Americans Hate Welfare*, by Martin Gilens; *How to Read a Poem*, by Edward Hirsch.

Future Issues

This is the fourth Courier of the year. We will publish twice each month in October and November. One per month is set for December and January, 2002. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the Courier editorial office at 391-2406.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



The Sky's Beautiful Mother and Daughter Combo

Fall's night time sky has a very special treat: two constellations together in the northeast that make a beautiful mother and daughter! The mother is the lovely Queen Cassiopeia, and to her right is her pretty daughter Andromeda!

To locate our Queen simply look northeast about an hour after the sun sets, and you will find an irregularly shaped "W" in a vertical direction. All of the stars of the "W" are bright, so one can find it even with city lights. These stars not only represent Cassiopeia, but also her throne. She is sitting right side up facing east on her throne.

To the right of Cassiopeia is her beautiful daughter Andromeda whose head is the most northern star that is part of the "great square" of Pegasus. So simply find the "great square" in the east which is oriented like a baseball diamond and go to third base, Andromeda's head. Her body is shaped like a funnel back toward her mother and will appear in the reclining position. Two stars in the center of the funnel shape make her waist.

If one has a very dark sky and takes a look above Andromeda's two-waist star, you will see a fuzzy spot in the sky. This is Andromeda Galaxy

and is the most distant object, 2.1 million light years away, that can be seen with the unaided human eye. It is another galaxy that is almost a twin—a large spiral collection of several hundred billion stars—to our own Milky Way Galaxy.

Keep looking up and find the sky's beautiful mother/daughter duo Cassiopeia and Andromeda. While looking at these two, find a hive of stars at Andromeda's feet. This is Perseus, her husband. Perhaps being at her feet is why their marriage has lasted for some four thousand years!

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Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression, and all students are

urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

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ativity.

On Oct. 26 Birmingham weatherman James Spann will travel to Tuscaloosa to speak at noon to college employees on the value of quality as part of Shelton's "Teams Who Cook Day." All of the teams at Shelton will cook special foods they will share with everyone else at the college.

Events for the month will end with a blood drive by the nursing students on Oct. 29 and a Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31.

Shelton State announces the selection of a new head softball coach: Melissa Bautista, a 2001 University graduate and captain and star pitcher of the Crimson Tide.

Bautista comes to the Buccaneers fired up. "All of the players at Shelton are here to play, yet they should also have a good time," Bautista said. But one thing Bautista is asking for is that no player has any regrets at the end of the season. Bautista said, "When working as a team it is very important that everyone is on the same page. All it takes is one person not doing her job and the rest of the team could shatter."

Bautista said, "Starting a new job would seem to be nerve-racking; however, I was not nervous about the coaching aspect as much as meeting the team and getting to know all the players." After she meet with the team a few times they learned what Bautista expected of them as players and students. Bautista would like to makes this a fun experience but at the same time accomplish a goal.

That goal is to take the team to the highest level it can achieve.

Bautista attended Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove, Calif. Bautista had a stretch where she threw 14 scoreless innings, threw four-hit shutouts against Virginia Tech, and Long Island, threw a shutout against Ole Miss., and also threw a fastball that broke the bat of DePaul's Tatum Allen.

This summer Bautista coached an 18-year-old-and-under team and soon thereafter was named Shelton's new head coach. "Two main aspects of my job are being competitive and having discipline," said Coach Bautista. Also, "being an athlete takes dedication; however, being a good athlete not only takes dedication but also takes knowing the right skills on and off the field."

Shelton also is marking Fire Prevention Week during Oct. 7-13. The Alabama Fire College teamed up with the nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) to "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire." NFPA new public safety campaign brings baseball and fire safety together to teach everyone simple steps they can take to strike out the risk of home fires.

The Alabama Fire College plans to increase public awareness of the "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire" safety messages by teaming up with the Shelton Buccaneers baseball team and Lady Bucs softball team. Using the Brooks-Cork Library, they will make a series of presentations and displays on the Martin campus during the week of Oct. 7-13.

"People think they're safer from fire than they really are, particularly at



Sparky the Fire Dog and Assistant Fire College Director Tommy Taylor were just two of many who added to excitement of Shelton's kick-off observance of Fire Prevention Week

home. As a result, they often lack basic information on how to prevent them," says Janet LeVert, Alabama Fire College Public Education specialist. "By learning where home fire dangers exist and taking some simple precautions, Tuscaloosa's residents can greatly reduce the risk."

The Alabama Fire College and Shelton State held a press conference to kick off "Fire Prevention Week" in Tusca-

loosa on Oct. 8 in the Brooks-Cork Library.

Mayor Al DuPont of Tuscaloosa and others spoke. Sparky the Fire Dog and members of the Shelton State Buccaneers baseball team and members of the Lady Bucs softball team were on hand to help deliver the fire safety message: "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire."



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Courier publishes Maxwell's Crossing, creative issue, once again for the holidays

All of the college's potential Hemingways, Faulkners, Frosts and Picassos are urged to prepare their best work for submission to *Maxwell's Crossing*, the *Courier's* annual creative issue scheduled for publishing on Dec. 6.

The special issue will remain on the newsstands until Jan. 17.

Bring your submissions of short stories, poetry, essays and art work to the *Courier* office in Rm. 2319.

Deadline for submission is Nov. 21. Selection of material will be done by the *Courier* staff and by members of the college's English department.



Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—



Fall golf going great

By Lane Sanders

The Shelton State golf team split up last week Oct. 1-5 to play in two tournaments. The first one was at Meridian Community College in Miss. And the other at Rend Lake Community College in Illinois. On Oct. 1-2, the golf team played in Meridian Miss., at the Eagle Invitational. The team started off slowly but finished strong, improving their overall score 3 strokes from the opening to the final round. The team finished third in the tournament and had strong performances by:

Scores for the tournament were Pope Spruiell 72, 74, Will Taylor 78, 75, Calle Andren 73, 75, Tommy Ryan 81, 79, and

Todd Jones 78, 76.

On Oct. 3-5 the golf team played in Rend Lakes, Illinois at Rend Lakes Invitational. They dominated by winning the tournament and regained their no. 1 national ranking in their division. Fourteen teams participated and Shelton State golfer Jason Davidson won the individual golfing title for the tournament. Davidson feels like the team is peaking at the right time. "We seem to be improving every tournament, and the four starting sophomores are stepping up at the right time," Davidson said.

Scores for the tournament were Jason Davidson: 72, Pope Spruiell: 74, David Rasco: 73, Calle Andren: 75, and Kirk Kelly: 78.

Soccer makes late-season run

By Chris Cartledge

The Lady Buccaneers regular season is winding down, and they are gearing up for the playoff. Being the only team in their district they automatically qualify for post-season play. As of Oct. 9 there were six games left to play and the team's record was 2-9-1.

"The team's record does not truly reflect how the team has performed this season. Almost every game this season has been decided by one or two goals," said head coach Nellie Christian. Christian also said, "The key for the team to do well in the playoff game will be to play hard for the whole 90 minutes, not to play well in spurts like they have been, they just need to put it together for the

entire game."

This year's team captains are Kellyn Robertson, Nikki Haynes, and Laura Cornett. Christian said that this year's team is a good mixture of young players as well as experienced players returning from last year's team that posted a 10-4-2 record. Christian said, "The scoring has been pretty evenly distributed—which is a good sign that the girls are playing well as a team."

The Lady Buccaneers' play has really picked up of late, with two shutout victories recorded by the team.

On Oct. 6, the Bucs beat Truett-McConnell 1-0 at home. They followed that with a hard-fought 1-0 loss to Gordon College. They closed the homestand on Oct. 9 with a 2-0 win over Andrew College.

Shelton State Starlets will entertain during halftimes

By Chasity Reach

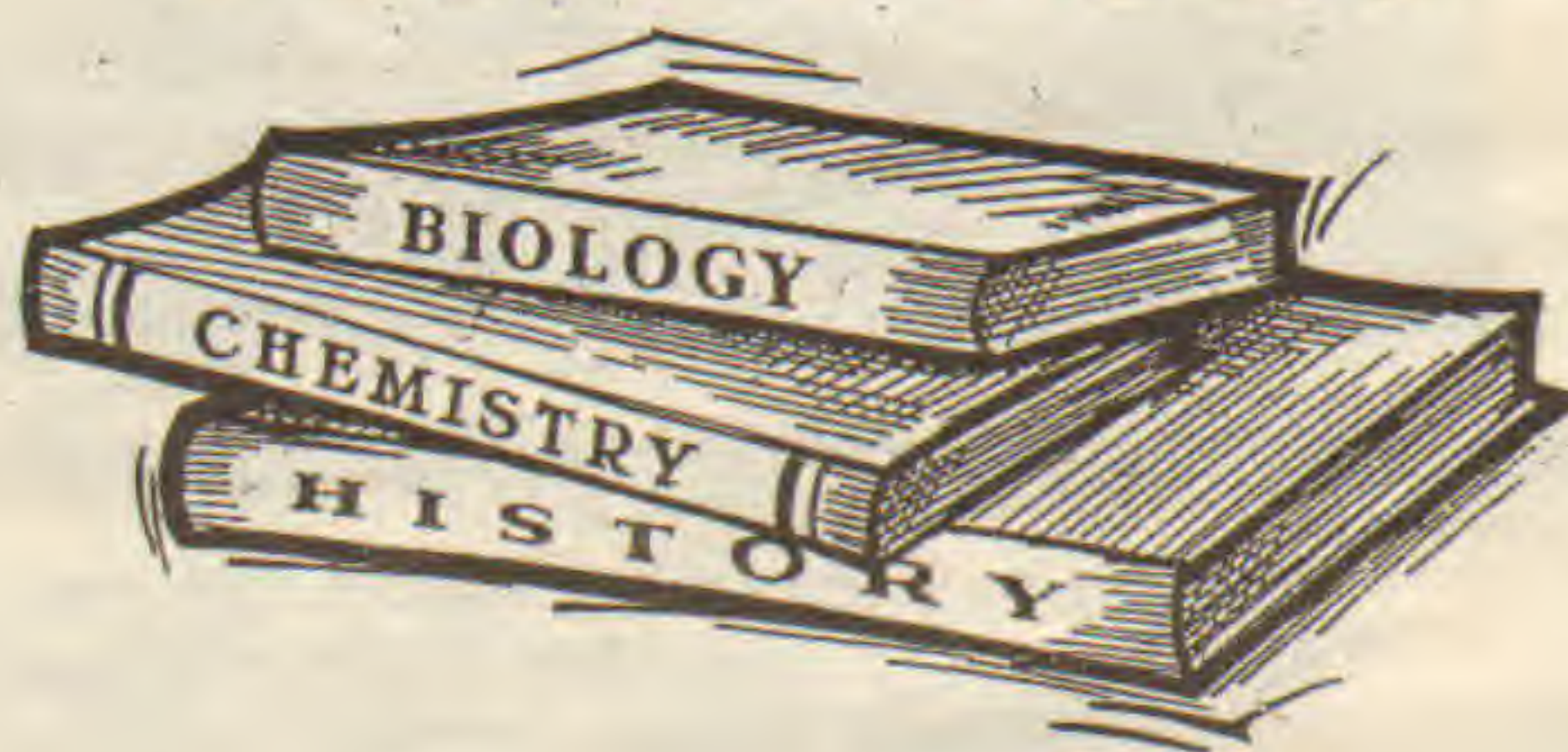
On Monday, Oct. 8, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Studio of Performing Arts tryouts were held for the Shelton State Starlets.

This is actually the second year the school has had a dance team. According to Susan Mohun, who will be in charge of dance team affairs, last year's squad, which had 15 members, only performed once, so they did not receive much recognition.

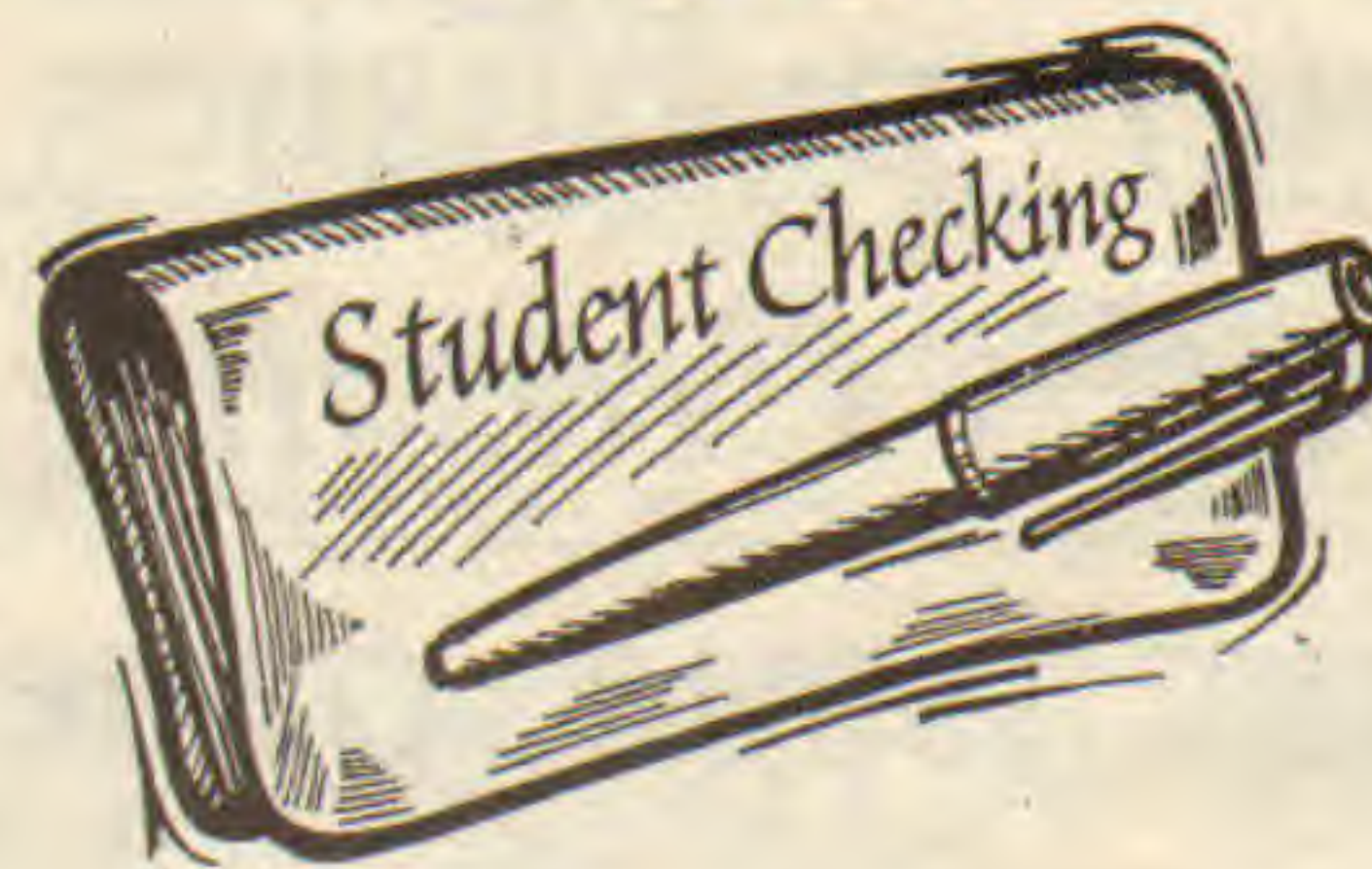
This year's expectations for the squad are set high. Mohun says that she is, "really excited. Shelton, and school spirit is growing, and a dance line will

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Students urged to perfect their bodies as well as their minds

By Matthew Ochocki

Are you tired of sitting around and just being lazy. Well, how about doing something about that, get up! Go work-

If you are a female resident of Northport your best bet for a gym would be Cory Everson Fitness for Women, located on 400 McFarland Blvd., (205) 333-9929. There is an enrollment fee of \$50 and \$39 per month and that includes tanning. The hours are 5:30 a.m.—9 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, 5:30 a.m.—8 p.m. on Saturdays and 1—6 p.m. on Sundays.

If you are a male or female and live in Northport there are a couple of gyms to choose from. Fitness One Northport Medical Center which is located on 1325 McFarland Blvd., (205) 333-4700. They have an enrollment fee of \$100 and \$44 per month. There hours are 5 a.m.—10 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, 5 a.m.—8 p.m. on Fridays, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Body Tech Fitness which is located

on 3076 McFarland Blvd., (205) 330-1008. They have a \$50 enrollment fee and \$25 per month. There hours are Monday thru Thursday 5 a.m.—11 p.m., 5 a.m.—9 p.m. on Fridays, 8 a.m.—6 p.m. on Saturday, 1 p.m.—5 p.m. on Sundays.

If you reside in Tuscaloosa there are a few more gyms to select from. A gym many might be familiar with is Gold's Gym Aerobics and Fitness, which is known nation wide, which can be found on 1335 McFarland Blvd, (205) 345-6496. It has an \$80 enrollment fee and \$32 per month. They are open 24 hours a day.

Fitness South which is located, very close to Shelton State, 6551 Highway South, (205) 349-5555. They have an option to a pay a \$100 enrollment fee and \$39 per month or no enrollment fee and pay \$44 per month. There hours are 5 a.m.—9 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, 5 a.m.—8 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m.—6 p.m. on Sundays.

The Y.M.C.A., located downtown, has an enrollment fee of \$50 and \$26 per month. There hours are 4 a.m.—9 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.—6 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m.—6 p.m. on Sunday.

A gym which is popular is the University Recreation Center which is located just off Campus Drive. There is no enrollment fee and you can get a family membership for \$180. There hours are 5 a.m.—10 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.—6 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m.—10 p.m. on Sunday.

Note that all these prices are subject to change due to different specials. Enrollment and monthly fees differ.

Courier staff member Matthew Ochocki works out at the UA Rec Center

Photo by Missy Boney



out or do something cardiovascular or even better join a gym where you can find all the exercise equipment you need to get in shape.

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be a great addition. Mohun said that 10-12 of the applicants would be picked to join the squad.

Tryouts consisted of both an interview and a dance performance. Shelton State Starlets were chosen on basis of dance ability as well as their ability to demonstrate that they will exhibit a positive image for the college.

The squad will practice every Monday from 6:30-8 p.m. under the supervision of professional choreographer, Beth Key, and begin performing during the second semester at home basketball games, and other school functions.

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Shelton State students are being encouraged to apply for a paid-internship program with the local Social Security Office. Applications are being taken throughout October and November with the goal being to have a Shelton student selected and hired for the paid internship by early January next year.

This could be a good opportunity for students who want "real world" experience working in an office setting, a government office setting in this case. Also, this internship has a strong potential of becoming a permanent full-time job with Social Security (after graduation). The local Social Security Office Director has explained that his office is using the paid-internship program as a way to recruit new full-time employees.

Though all students are welcome to

apply, applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 grade point average and at least minimum computer skills. Also the student is expected to have great people skills because he or she will be right on the front line in the Social Security Office.

The student will be the first person the public talks to when they phone or come in to the office to complain about something. That is why excellent people skills and great patience with the public is a must for this job.

The specific title of the paid internship position is Service Representative-part time.

More information can be obtained by calling the Shelton coordinator of the program—Phillip Coleman—at 391-2624.

Stepping Out supplies good reason to step out

Theatre Tuscaloosa opens its 30th Anniversary season on Oct. 12 when the irrepressible hit comedy *Stepping Out* takes to the stage of the Bean-Brown Theatre.

In *Stepping Out*, nine women and one man are taking tap-dancing lessons

in a church basement. As they struggle to learn to dance they also learn a great deal about themselves and each other.

Performances are scheduled October 12th through 21st at the Bean-

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Annual Trumbauer Festival to be held Nov. 2-3

The annual Trumbauer Festival will be held Nov. 2-3 at Shelton, according to Michael Carr, theater instructor. High School students from theater and drama classes across a six-county area of west Alabama will be held on campus for the two-day event.

"We are expecting over 500 students," Carr said. "For many of these students, this is their third year to participate since the festival includes 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. We'll be using the eastern side of the campus for the event, and it should be a lot of fun."

The Trumbauer Festival originated

at the University of Montevallo. The festival begins Friday afternoon with the one-act play competition until 5 p.m. This segment of the festival will be held in the Bean-Brown Theatre. On Saturday, students will compete in the Individual Events (IEs) segment which begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with an awards ceremony around 3 p.m. First, second, and third place winners will be announced during the awards ceremony, and an all-star cast will be selected.

For additional information on the Trumbauer Festival, call 391-2258.

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Shelton State Theatre Department will present *The Fantastiks* Nov. 15-18

By Claire Parkerson

The Fantastiks is the longest running show in American Theatre and the world's longest running musical. It is similar to *Romeo and Juliet*, yet it has a humorous side.

Shelton State students have recently started rehearsing for their own production of *The Fantastiks*. The production will be Nov. 15-18 and tickets can be bought at the theatre box office two week ahead of time. The cast is as follows:

The Narrator (El Gallo)	Zachary Hill
The Girl (Luisa)	Alison Wilkes
The Boy (Matt)	Matthew Cornelson
The Boy's Father (Hucklebee)	Stephen Austin
The Girl's Father (Bellomy)	Brandon Thompson
The Actor (Henry)	Russell Frost
The Man Who Dies (Mortimer)	Josh McCurnin
The Mutes	Janet Hernandez, Lindsey Jacobs Drew Williams Jason Williams

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Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State Community College, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa.

For tickets call the Theatre Tuscaloosa Box Office at 205-391-2277.

Stepping Out performance Schedule:

October 12: 7:30 p.m.
October 13: 7:30 p.m.
October 14: 2 p.m.
October 17: 2 p.m.
October 18: 7:30 p.m.
October 19: 7:30 p.m.
October 20: 7:30 p.m.
October 21: 2 p.m.

Shelton applied science grad nominated for four Chicago Emmies

Brian S. McDaniel, a native of Tuscaloosa and a graduate of Shelton, has been nominated by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for four prestigious Emmy awards. The Academy will announce the Emmy recipients on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago.

McDaniel is the son of Dan and Sandra McDaniel of Tuscaloosa and a 1988 graduate of Central High School. He graduated in 1994 from Shelton with an associate in applied science degree.

The Academy nominated a collection of five commercials by McDaniel as an "Outstanding Achievement in Non-News Writing." His other nominations include "Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Design, Outstanding Achievement in Non News Videography, and Outstanding Achievement in Music Composition."

In 1998, the Academy awarded McDaniel the Emmy Award, recognizing

his work for "News Toys," a commercial created for WVTM-TV, as an "Outstanding Achievement in Television Image Promotion." He is a nine time Emmy Award nominee and served on the Atlanta chapter's board of governors from 1994-1998.

Currently he is senior promotion producer for CLTV, a Tribune Company subsidiary located in Chicago, the nation's third largest television market.

Before joining CLTV, McDaniel worked as the promotion manager for WTOG-TV in Savannah, Ga., and the senior promotion producer for WVTM-TV in Birmingham. He also worked as the promotion manager at WABM-TV in Birmingham; the director of promotion at WDBB-TV in Tuscaloosa; and as an announcer at Tuscaloosa radio stations WFFX-FM, WACT-FM, and WNPT-AM.

McDaniel and his wife, Ann, live in Crest Hill, Ill.

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